



RJ Corman Western Lines

Project Name (ID Number): RJ Corman Western Line ID#12888)

Community (County/City): Allen, Van Wert, Auglaize & Mercer Counties

Project Description: Railroad tie replacement and other related track work to rehabilitate RJ Corman-owned lines in Western Ohio.

Overall, the RJC Western Ohio lines generated 4,274 (2005), 4,541 (2006), and 3,648 (2007) carloads respectively for the last three years. On average, this equates to about 45 carloads for every mile of operation. About 70% of the business on the Western Ohio Lines is agricultural in nature. The St. Mary's and Minster lines accounted for the majority of this traffic. For example, in 2007, the two SPEG line users generated 918 cars of traffic and Greenville users generated 444 carloads with the rest of the Western Ohio traffic, 2,286 cars, coming off the St. Mary's and Minster lines. (With the Andersons Ethanol plant now on the Greenville Line, the car-loadings for that line will increase tremendously.)

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income)

County	Unemployment rate	Median household income
Allen	12.1%	\$37,048
Van Wert	15.2%	\$39,497
Auglaize	10.8%	\$43,367
Mercer	9.1%	\$42,742

Economic Development Potential: The RJC Western Ohio lines serve 14 industrial parks of various sizes. Keeping operations at 25 MPH helps prevent a cycle of increasing costs due to extra hours of operation which results in less revenue for use to repair tracks to adequate speeds. Past RJC estimates of the efficiencies of 25 MPH operations compared to 10 MPH operations indicate that RJC costs would rise by over \$200,000/yr for the entire Western Ohio system if track speeds dropped to 10 MPH for the 82 miles operated on the SPEG, St. Marys, and Minster lines.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: RJ Corman Western Lines has connections with both CSX and NS railroads, as well as close proximity to the I-75 Corridor.

Work to Begin: within one year

Estimated Completion: within one year

Stimulus Investment: \$1,300,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,300,000